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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

ANGOLA: FEB. 4 AFTERNOON PAPERS CONTINUED PROMINENT PLAY ON KISSINGER'S SAN FRANCISCO STATEMENT. SOCIALIST "A LUTA" FRONT-PAGE HEADLINED WAS "U.S. WARNING TO USSR," AND ABOVE IT WAS A TWO-COLUMN CARTOON SHOWING KISSINGER AND BREZHNEV EACH WITH KNIFE AND FORK IN HAND AND A PIECE OF STEAK SHAPED LIKE ANGOLA BEFORE THEM; KISSINGER'S KNIFE AND FORK WERE BENT AND BATTERED, WHILE BREZHNEV'S WERE IN FINE SHAPE. MODERATE "A CAPITAL" FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE WAS "KISSINGER CONSIDERS ANGOLA A 'SETTLED CASE.'" LEFTIST "DIARIO DE LISBOA" INSIDE-PAGE HEADLINE WAS, "IN ANGOLA SITUATION, KISSINGER WARNS USSR AND CRITICIZES CONGRESS." "O SEculo" OF FEB. 5 REPORTED SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES AS CONFIRMING FOR PRESS ON FEB. 4 THE "PROBABLE RECOGNITION" BY AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT OF MPLA, AND ADDING: "THE POSITIONS OF THE (PORTUGUESE) GOVERNMENT ARE NOT DEPENDENT UPON THE POLICIES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BUT UPON THE POSITIONS OF THE OAU." FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MPLA FIGHT IN ANGOLA WAS NOTED IN FEB. 5 PRESS AND WAS SUBJECT OF FEB. 4 EVENING PRIME-TIME STATE TV NEWSCAST RETROSPECTIVE REPORT WHICH AMOUNTED TO UNDILUTED PROMOTION FOR MPLA POSITION; REPORT MANAGED TO DISCUSS ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE AND POST-INDEPENDENCE

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SITUATION WITHOUT ONCE MENTIONING SOVIET AND CUBAN AID TO MPLA

BUT NOTING U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICAN ASSISTANCE TO OTHER FACTIONS.

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